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In re Application of:

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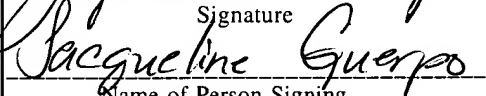
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For: Light-Driven Energy Generation Using Proteorhodopsin

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REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

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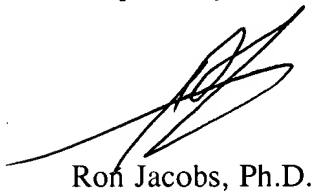
Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated 4/3/2003, the Applicants provisionally elect with traverse, according to 37 CFR 1.143, invention I (Claims 1, 2, 3-6, 7, and 37-44) drawn to a proteorhodopsin gene with SEQ ID NO:4. The reason for traverse is that claims 1 and 2 are generic to the clones claimed in dependent claims 7-36, which is acknowledged by the Examiner in the Office Action on page 2, item 1 stating "Claims 1 and 2 link(s) inventions I-XXX. Furthermore, the Applicants traverse the restriction requirement to inventions

XXXI-LX since claim 45 is generic to the clones claimed in dependent claims 51-80, which is acknowledged by the Examiner in the Office Action on page 2, item 2 stating "Claims 45 link(s) inventions XXXXI-LX.

According to 35 USC 21(b) the reply is hereby timely filed within one month from the date of the Office Action and therefore no extension of time for reply is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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